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The following items were adopted at the July 9, 1998, Commission meeting and released later that day.

NEWS RELEASES

FCC ADOPTS PROCESS TO ACCELERATE RESOLUTION OF MARKET DISPUTES. The Commission adopted a new, accelerated approach to resolving complaints involving telephone companies. Today's action will allow the Commission to respond to market disputes effectively and with the speed that will be necessary in an increasingly competitive environment. The new procedures should benefit consumers and the industry alike by safeguarding fair competition in the telecommunications market. Report No: CC-98-20. by 2nd Report & Order. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: July 9, 1998. Dkt No.: CC-96-238. (FCC No. 98-154) News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Office of General Counsel: Jeffrey Dygert at (202) 418-1740. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1998/nrcc8046.html

COMMISSION ADOPTS NOTICE SEEKING COMMENT ON DIGITAL BROADCAST SIGNAL CARRIAGE ISSUES. The Commission has adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the carriage of digital broadcast television signals by cable television systems. The Notice addresses the need for compatibility between digital systems, seeks comment on possible changes to the mandatory carriage rules, and explores the impact carriage of digital television signals may have on other Commission rules. Report No: CS-98-12. by NPRM. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: July 9, 1998. Dkt No.: CS-98-120. (FCC No. 98-153) News Media Contact: Morgan Broman (202) 418-2358. CSB Contact: Cable Services Bureau: Ben Golant at (202) 418-7111. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/News_Releases/1998/nrcb8017.html

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The following items are dated for and released on July 10, 1998:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC FILINGS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/filings.html>

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA. Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/calendar.html>

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: July 10, 1998. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG. Public Reference Log: 07/09/98. Contact: Public Reference Room: (202) 418-1933. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt070998.pdf

Released: July 10, 1998. FCC RENEWS EAS NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER. Contact: EAS: (202) 418-1220. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/Public_Notices/1998/pnci8001.wp

Report No: 44280. Released: July 10, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac980710.txt

Report No: 24280. Released: July 10, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap980710.txt

Report No: 335. Released: July 10, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Call_Sign_Changes/pnmm8102.wp

Report No: 98-7. Released: July 10, 1998. FM TRANSLATOR-BOOSTER APPLICATIONS READY AND AVAILABLE FOR PROCESSING. Released: July 10, 1998; Cut Off: August 10, 1998. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Radio_Cutoffs/pnmm8105.wp

Report No: LB-98-53. Released: July 10, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/pnw18071.wp

TEXTS

NORTHWEST INDIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC. Denied Northwest Indiana Public Broadcasting, Inc.'s reconsideration of the action taken in denying the must carry complaint it filed on behalf of Television Broadcast Station WYIN (Channel 56). Gary, Indiana, against Continental Cablevision of Northern Illinois, operator of a cable system serving 40 communities surrounding Chicago, Illinois. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: July 8, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1367). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981367.wp>

CARRIAGE OF TRANSMISSIONS OF DIGITAL TELEVISION BROADCAST STATIONS. Comment sought on changes to the broadcast signal carriage rules, and other cable television rules, to accommodate digital television transmissions. Comments Due: September 17, 1998; Reply Comments Due: October 30, 1998. Dkt No.: CS-98-120. Action by the Commission. Adopted: July 9, 1998. by NPRM. (FCC No. 98-153). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Notices/1998/fcc98153.pdf>

FM BROADCAST STATIONS. Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations for Various Locations. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-1323). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da981323.txt

TUMON, GUAM. Proposed amendment FM Table to allot Channel 280A to Tumon, Guam, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-113. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1325). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981325.wp

ELKO, NEVADA. Proposed amendment FM Table of Allotment to allot Channel 233C3 to Elko, Nevada, as that community's third local commercial FM service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-111. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1324). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981324.wp

LOVELL, WYOMING. Proposed amendment of FM Table to allot Channel 296C at Lovell, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Dkt No.: MM-98-116. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1335). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981335.wp

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN. Proposed modifying Darby's license for Station WMJZ to specify operation on Channel 268A. In addition, we will not accept competing expressions of interest for the use of Channel 268A at Gaylord because the Commission's Rules do not contemplate the filing of expressions of interest in proceedings, which seek to make equivalent channel substitutions. Dkt No.: MM-98-107. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 24, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1287). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981287.wp

SUPERIOR, WYOMING. Proposed amendment of FM Table to allot Channel 293C3 at Superior, Wyoming, as the community's first local transmission service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-109. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1329). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981329.wp

HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA. Proposed amendment of FM Table to allot Channel 244A to Humboldt, Nebraska, as that community's first local aural service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-110. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1327). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981327.wp

LA CENTER, KENTUCKY. Proposed amendment of FM Table to allot Channel 282A at La Center, Kentucky, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-114. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1328). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981328.wp

STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA. Proposed amendment of FM Table to allot Channel 283A at Stevensville, Montana, as that community's first local broadcast service. Comments Due: August 31, 1998; Reply Comments Due: September 15, 1998. Dkt No.: MM-98-115. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1326). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981326.wp

COLLEGE PARK, COVINGTON AND MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA. Two proposals for various communities have been proposed. Dkt No.: MM-98-112. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1330). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981330.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released July 9, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 131:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC ADOPTS NEW LICENSING RULES FOR MARITIME SERVICES. The Commission adopted a 3rd R&O & M)O that represents the next step in adopting rules aimed at streamlining the licensing process for VHF public coast stations. The Commission has concluded that the public interest would be served by providing licenses more flexibility in the use of maritime spectrum, while preserving this internationally-allocated radio service's core purpose of promoting the safety of life and property at sea. The decisions adopted in this Order further the Commission's goal to improve maritime communications. Report No: WT-98-19. by 3rd R&O & MO&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: July 9, 1998. Dkt No.: PR-92-257. (FCC No. 98-151) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: Scot Stone at (202) 418-0680; TTY: (202) 418-7233. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1998/nrw18028.wp

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: July 9, 1998. COMMENTS REQUESTED ON APPLICATION BY BELL SOUTH CORPORATION, BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND BELL SOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR PROVISION OF IN-REGION, INTERLATA SERVICES IN LOUISIANA. Comments or Oppositions Due: 07/29/98. (DA No. 98-1364). Dkt No.: CC-98-121. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da981364.html

Report No: I-8319. Released: July 9, 1998. OVERSEAS COMMON CARRIER SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACTIONS TAKEN. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1998/da981366.txt

Report No: 2283. Released: July 9, 1998. PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ACTION IN RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS.

TEXTS

AT&T CORPORATION V. AMERITECH CORPORATION AND QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. Denied QWEST Communications Corporation's Emergency Motion for Stay Pending Review, and denied QWEST's Motion of the Standstill Order pending judicial review. Action by Chief, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: July 9, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1372). CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981372.wp

AMENDMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES CONCERNING MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS. The Commission addresses the petition for reconsideration of our decisions in the 2nd R&O filed by WJG Maritel. Adopt rules aimed at streamlining our licensing process for VHF public coast stations and conclude that the public interest would be served by providing licenses more flexibility in the use of maritime spectrum, while preserving this internationally-allocated radio service's core purpose of promoting the safety of life and property at sea. Dkt No.: PR- 92-257. Action by the Commission. Adopted: July 9, 1998. by 3rd R&O & MO&O. (FCC No. 98-151). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1998/fcc98151.wp>

FRED DANIEL D/B/A ORION TELECOM/PAGING SYSTEMS, INC. Granted the majority of AMTS applications for Orion & PSI and denied remainder which are inconsistent with FCC rules. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: July 8, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1368). WTB Internet URL:

<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1998/da981368.wp>

ADDENDA: The following items, released July 8, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 130:

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AMATEUR STATION SEQUENTIALLY ASSIGNED CALL SIGNS. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1998/nrw18026.wp